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Responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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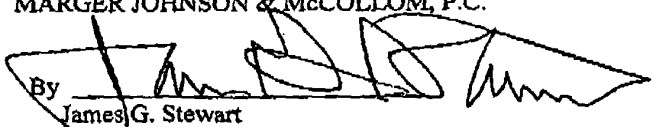
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AMENDMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 2, dated July 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

A full set of pending claims, including any amendments or new claims as of this response, are as follows:

1. A heater device, comprising:
a heater defining a heating surface; and
a detachable ceramic plate which is placed on said heating surface so as to substantially entirely cover said heating surface, and in turn defines a surface for supporting an object to be heated.
2. A heater device according to claim 1, wherein said heater consists of a ceramic heater.
3. A heater device according to claim 2, wherein an electrode for radio frequency power is buried in said ceramic heater.
4. A heater device according to claim 3, wherein said ceramic plate has a thickness of no more than 2 mm.